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In re Patent Application of:)		
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Application No.: 10/730,066)	Group Art Unit	1761
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Filed: December 9, 2003)	Confirmation No.	2940
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For: FRYERS WHICH DEACTIVATE)		
BEFORE A LEVEL OF A COOKING)		
MEDIUM FALLS BELOW A)		
MINIMUM LEVEL, AND METHODS)		
OF DEACTIVATING SUCH FRYERS)		

REQUEST FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPEAL BRIEF AND
RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2006; the Advisory Action, mailed December 8, 2006; the Notice of Appeal and Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Conference filed December 18, 2006; and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review, of which Applicants were notified on January 26, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendment, enclosure, and remarks:

Request for Four-Month Extension of Time to File Appeal Brief begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 6 of this paper.

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